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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Patent Application of:

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For: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE  
AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED RESIN, AND IN  
MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED  
LAMINATE USING THE SAME

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 4, 2004 (Paper No. 022504), submitted concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time to within the first extended month, reexamination and reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 3-8 and 10-20, is requested.